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EXTRA "E" TO SPRAGUE EMPLOYEES

Navy Bureau of Ordnance Makes Award for Work on "VT-FUZE"

Sprague Workers Take Part In Making Navy Secret Weapon

In what the Navy Department considers a "miracle of production skill", the Sprague Electric Company and its employees played an important role in the success of the Navy's No. 1 secret weapon, regarded as second in importance only, to the atomic bomb. And it must be remembered that there was a lot of war going on before there was any atomic bomb. This is the proximity fuze, or V-T fuze.

A weapon was needed to combat the German buzz bomb menace to England and the Jap suicide planes. In our Marshall Street plant, component parts for this weapon were produced in a constant stream at the rate of over 300,000 per day.

Explains V-T Fuze

The V-T fuze, explains the Navy report, is "an extremely rugged five-tube radio sending and receiving station which fits into the nose of a projectile. Its heart is a vacuum tube which sends out electro-magnetic waves on impulses at the speed of light — 186,000 miles per second. The impulses are reflected back to the tube by any target giving a radio reflection, such as metal objects, water, or earth. If the V-T fuze projectile passes within 70 feet of an airplane, reflected impulses act on the fuze circuit to trigger a switch. The switch causes an electrical detonator to set off the main explosive charge in the projectile."

Simply stated, during the suicide attacks, a plane might escape unharmed by the near miss of an ordinary shell. Using the radio shell, however, it explodes and destroys any plane coming within 70 feet of it, greatly increasing the efficiency of anti-aircraft fire. Artillery shells, instead of burying themselves in the ground, go off in the air, causing great destruction.

Secrecy Exercised

Great secrecy was exercised in the production of the V-T fuze. When the project was in the early stages, our William M. Allison designed some components which were used successfully throughout the program. Later, when more information about special requirements became known, some special work was undertaken by Dr. Robinson and Gil Green in the laboratory. To put these laboratory results into production placed a very heavy burden on our executive staff, already greatly loaded with a full share of the war program. To make these new components, which had to stand being fired from guns, completely new facilities and techniques had to be

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Many Sprague Men Air-Minded

Airways advertisements tell us that soon all of us will become air-minded, but Howard Sherman, "Mike" and "Bill" Pierce, Walter Rohane and Fred Powers are ahead of the ads. They have studied aviation and own planes in partnership, while Laurence Haskins is studying for his student license. Croom Beatty had many hours of flying experience to his credit, before coming to the Sprague organization.

Two men who had private licenses are R. C. Sprague, president of the Sprague Electric Company, and Leon Podolsky of our retail sales office (Sprague Products Company.)

Fliers Interviewed

In interviewing these air-minded men, Fred Powers, Division Superintendent of the Resistors, tells us that he has had 125 hours in the air — more than twice the number required for his private license. He started to learn flying a year ago, in August, under the direction of Bob Sprague, Jr. His longest solo flight has been to Boston and return. He makes the trip to Boston in an hour in his "Piper Cub" which he owns jointly with Ray Belding.

"What was your reaction, Fred, when you first soloed?" we asked.

"I was scared to death," he answered truthfully. He states that his wife is also much interested in flying and predicts that the activities of the Williamstown Aviation Club again will be resumed.

The brothers, "Mike" Pierce, Division Superintendent of Mica, and "Bill" Pierce, Foreman of Resistor Assembly, took up flying a year ago in September. They began instruction with Bob Sprague, Jr. until he went



The Vincelette brothers look over the "Peace" edition of the LOG. Louis, of Industrial Oil Stacking is glad to welcome Claude a newcomer to the Sprague Company. Incidentally, they represent fourteen members of their family who have been Sprague employees.

into Service, then continued instruction in Adams, and finally, Turners Falls. "Bill" says that the instrument board for a private plane as compared to an army plane, is quite simple, with but six important instruments to watch. The longest distance the brothers have flown so far, has been fifty miles as "the crow flies" in the "Aeronca" in half an hour.

First Spin

"What was your greatest scare, Mike?" we asked.

"When my instructor deliberately put our ship into a spin," he replied promptly. We climbed to 6,000 feet, then he told me to watch the buildings below — and every time I saw them, that would mean one complete revolution of the plane. Honestly, I didn't see those buildings, I was so scared... All I knew was that Bob was counting — one — two — three — four. Four

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Sprague One of 36 Firms Selected From 1000 Engaged on Navy's Most Important Secret Weapon

2600 Sprague Workers at One Time On Project to Speed War's End

This is a real "Five Star" Edition of the Sprague LOG! When Japan surrendered there were four stars in our Army-Navy "E" Flags flying above the Sprague plants. Now, -- dated Sept. 26, 1945, -- has come a letter from the Navy Department, Bureau of Ordnance in Washington, D. C., awarding us the Bureau of Ordnance "E", which entitles us to get another star. Thus is a fifth star added, increasing in lustre the high record made by Sprague employees in World War II.

Due to the need for utmost secrecy in the development, manufacture and use of the "VT Fuze", the award of the Bureau of Ordnance "E" had to be delayed until all danger was past. Yet to all those who took part in this work at the Sprague plants there still came the grand thrill of accomplishment and recognition. To all Sprague workers and friends came the pride of association with a company which has the "Know How" and the "Go Through" to take on the impossible and carry it to successful solution, production and victory.



Williams In Tokyo

Hello Friends:

I never dreamed of getting to Tokyo, but here I am.

Today certainly is a big day in the history of the world and I feel highly honored to have even a small part in it. I did not see the actual signing of the surrender but heard it described over the radio. I could see the battleship Missouri from where we were anchored. When the planes flew over just before the ceremonies began it was indeed an impressive sight. I couldn't help but think as I looked heavenward at our air might, of the important part

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Tyler Directs Electronics Course

The course on Radio and Electronics under the direction of Richard Tyler of the Beaver Plant Lab has begun with an enrollment of twenty students. The classes which are held each Monday and Thursday night, and of three hour duration will cover a period of sixty hours. These are divided into two ten-week courses. The first course will end in December and the second course will start in February.

Mr. Tyler reports the classes have displayed most gratifying interest and the instructing of them has been a pleasure. It is his desire to introduce to the students, men of authority on the subjects, who will deliver short lectures and answer problem questions.

This is Mr. Tyler's second year as director of this course and his earnest efforts to promote studies in the field of electronics is to be commended.

Sprague Orchestra In First Rehearsal

The Sprague Orchestra held its first rehearsal Wednesday evening, October 10th, with a very satisfactory attendance. Further plans, and place of rehearsal will be published in an early issue.



The "Aeronca", jointly owned by Howard Sherman, Walter Rohane, of the Beaver Street Plant, and "Mike" and "Bill" Pierce of the Brown Street Plant.

"Of the Employees,-by the Employees,-for the Employees."



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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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Another "E" To Sprague Employees

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF ORDNANCE
Washington 25, D. C.

Sept. 26, 1945

Sirs:

It is my great pleasure to announce the award of the Bureau of Ordnance "E" to your company and to other firms who participated in one of the most important of our wartime ordnance projects — the successful development and manufacture of the VT fuze.

The Bureau of Ordnance has never underestimated the value of your services and has regretted the necessity for maintaining secrecy on your product throughout the war and even beyond that, so long as there remained any doubt that security restrictions could be lifted with safety. Maintenance of these security safeguards unfortunately has prevented the award of the Army-Navy "E" to producers on the VT fuze who otherwise would have been eligible for consideration. We have appreciated your understanding of the reasons why your excellent production job had to be performed behind a veil of secrecy.

Now that the story can be told, the Bureau of Ordnance wants to recognize publicly the importance of the part you have played. The Bureau of Ordnance "E" is being revived exclusively as a means of paying proper tribute to the Navy contractors who worked on the VT fuze.

Each plant receiving the award will be furnished with a Bureau of Ordnance flag, a Navy "E" pennant and "E" buttons in sufficient quantity to supply all workers who assisted in making the VT fuze. In the case of plants which would have been eligible for renewal awards, stars will be affixed to the pennants, one for each six months of eligibility.

The Bureau of Ordnance is grateful for your devoted efforts and is happy to congratulate you on the excellence of your performance of a wartime task of the first magnitude. A hearty "Well Done!"

Sincerely yours,

G. F. HUSSEY, JR.
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy
Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance



551 Sprague Employees in Service



18 Sprague Men Made the Supreme Sacrifice



57 Veterans Now Working at Sprague's

Sprague Women Urged To Join Aides

Can you spare a few hours a week to help in the local hospital? All over the country, women and girls are being urged to take up the work of the Nurses Aides to help care for the thousands of hospitalized servicemen returning to the States. Here at the North Adams hospital, the need is especially acute. Miss Katherine V. Shea, superintendent here, states that if it were not for the assistance of the Aides, the hospital would not be able to carry on! During the month of September, forty-four volunteer Red Cross Nurses Aides gave 846 hours of service, which is a splendid contribution, but many more hours of aid is needed. It is estimated that the services of thirty more women are needed to help in the North Adams hospital.

To this end, new classes are being started. To date, some nineteen women have registered, and it is hoped that

enough more will register so that classes can soon start. During the first six weeks, the class will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings for classroom work, while the remaining six weeks, practical training will be given on Saturdays and Sundays.

Earn Service Stripes

Many of our Sprague workers have given their time and energy to this cause, besides holding a full time job at Sprague's. Many have passed their initial training and earned their caps, by giving 80 hours of service. Of those who have won their service stripes by giving 150 hours of service to this work are: Mary Zona, Emma Underwood, Doris Hiser, Betty Alderman, Rita Ross, Rachel Filiault, Ida Scala, Jessica Warioux and Marie-Rose Lusier. Mary Zona was second highest in point of hours of service during September with a total of 41 hours.

Two More Berkshire Flyers



Fred Powers of the Brown Street Plant and Ray Belding with their "Piper Cub".

Many Sprague Men Airminded

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complete revolutions, then he brought the ship out of the spin. "How do you feel?" he asked.

"I feel all right," I answered, "but gosh! I can't see a thing." And that is an absolute fact. Actually, during that spin, I just didn't see."

Walter Rohane, Howard Sherman, and the Pierce brothers are joint owners of the "Aeronca." They passed their written tests for private pilot licenses after they had attended a 10-week ground school course at Turners Falls with grades of 90 or over, and they are very proud of that fact. (Since taking these tests, three of the more difficult subjects have been eliminated from the requirements for a private license). Those subjects include Meteorology, Navigation and Theory of Flight. Rohane and Sherman were the first of the group studying at Turners Falls to be issued their private licenses, and received them at the same time, in August, 1945.

Walter Rohane, General Foreman, made his first solo flight a year ago in October. Asked if he was scared when he made his first solo, he replied, "Not at all — in fact, it seemed good to be at the controls myself. I had no sensation of fear." Walter states that his longest flight to date was made with Howard Sherman, when the two made a quadrangle flight from Turners Falls to Brattleboro, Vt. to Wardsboro, Vt., then back to Adams and Turners Falls, covering a distance of some 200 miles. They were in the air for two and a half hours.

Howard Sherman, Specification Engineer had hoped to make good use of his recent vacation for extensive flying, weather permitting. He was able to fly the "Aeronca" from Turners Falls to Keene, N. H. and return. His first solo was a year ago in October.

When asked if this occasion was his greatest thrill, he replied: "No, not thrilled — I was relieved to try it on my own without the continual cautionings 'pick that wing up' — 'get that nose down.' The thrill I get out of flying, on clear days, is to see the miles and miles of country stretching out below me.

"Flying, in my opinion is the safest means of travel. If I were asked to go to California tomorrow, if I should go in a car, I'd probably have all the fenders bent, in getting in and out or traffic jams — if by plane, I would arrive perfectly intact, with no mishaps — air travel is the safest and most comfortable means of transportation."

Croom Beatty, Research Chemist at the Marshall Street Plant began flying back in 1935 and owned his ship, a "Fairchild 24" while living in Florida. At that time, he was a member of the Florida Defense Force, an organization which during the war, was drafted into service as the Civil Air Patrol. Mr. Beatty states that at the beginning of the war, hours for "Sub" Patrol were from 3:30 A.M. until an hour after sundown. He put in 400 hours of flying time while with the Patrol and feels that these drafted civilian ships did help to minimize the submarine menace in our southern waters. His ship carried a rack for a 300 lb. bomb load. Previous to the war, Mr. Beatty made a 15,000 mile jaunt with his co-pilot, John Donat, flying up the Atlantic coast, over to the Pacific coast and back to Florida.

These men are enthusiastic about flying, and predict a bright future for it. They say if such towns as Orange, or Turners Falls, Mass., Rutland, Vt. and Keene, N. H. are indicative of other parts of the country, we can look for a tremendous increase in civilian flying.

COMMUNITY CHEST PLEDGE CARDS STILL OUT

At the present time there are still a large number of pledge cards to be returned. The Chairman and his campaign assistants urgently request those who have not turned their cards in, to do so as soon as possible. The committee is anxious to make their report and will appreciate the co-operation of the employees.

Chairman Jack Washburn wishes to stress the point that the amount of the pledge or contribution does not have to be one that will cause a large deficit in an individual's wage. Small contributions are as welcome as the sizable check. If each will give regardless of the amount, then the mission of this campaign and the committee will be obtained.

Thank You Note From Wally Young

Friends and Associates:

Words cannot express my gratitude for the beautiful gifts I have had the honor to receive from you. It is with deep regret that I leave you and wish to assure you that the many acquaintances that I have made during my four years will not be forgotten.

So, I say — thanks for everything — but not goodbye — just 'til we meet again.

Wally Young

GOOD LUCK -- SHOEMAKER

The many friends of Robert Shoemaker of the Marshall Street Lab were treated to a surprise when "Bob" made it known that he had accepted a position as English teacher in the public schools at Caribou, Maine. A loyal supporter of the Sprague Annual Minstrel Show and a veteran member of the Sprague Radio quartet, he has become a well known figure in the plants. Best of luck and success are the wishes of his friends at the Sprague Electric Company.

SPRAGUE WORKERS PART

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developed and put into full production very rapidly. The team which Mr. Carey put together and which carried through, had Eddie Goodman designing equipment, Paul Netherwood doing the engineering, Tuffy Rondeau, inventing and building special machinery, Clarence Pratt setting the equipment up, Bob Teeple devising production techniques and Bill Brundige putting the stuff together and getting it out. A new chemical plant was put up at Brown Street and run by Doc Beatty.

At the peak of production, the Marshall Street plant, together with its sub-contractors at Chicopee, Mass. and Barre, Vt. employed 2,600 persons, most of them women and girls. Many of them had husbands and sons in service. High School girls and grandmothers worked on our victory shifts, contributing their share to the success of the "Battle of the Bulge", the battle against buzz bombs or the victory over Jap suicide planes.

SAFETY CORNER

REMOVE THEIR FANGS...
NAILS SLIVERS
JAGGED ENDS OF
BANDING IRON
SLASH AND
POISON!



News From Men In Service

Never-to-be-Forgotten Sight Job Well Done

U.S.S. DeHaven
Sept. 2, 1945

Dear Friends:

We feel fortunate, because our ship was among those chosen to witness the official surrender ceremonies.

One of the scenes we will remember is the big naval base of Yokasuka with the Japanese battleship Nagato... lying there, harmless now with her "teeth" pulled. We dropped hook about a thousand yards off the port bow of the Missouri — on which the surrender ceremonies took place. The climax was when a great fleet of B-29s and carrier planes flew over the Missouri. It was a display which made us all very proud of our Armed Forces. Imagine 500 Superforts plus 800 other types of Navy planes all sweeping across the sky. It was a sight that we shall probably never see again.

Tokyo was only 15 miles further up the bay, with a few of the landmarks visible. When General MacArthur left the Missouri after the ceremony, he and his Staff officers were out on deck so we had a good long-distance view of them.

As always,
Thomas Ed. Dean

Pfc. Ray Maher has arrived in Tokyo with the 1st Cavalry division, according to word received here. Pvt. Maher formerly worked in the Production Scheduling Department before entering the service in January of this year.

Matthew Stefanski, gunner's mate second class, USRN, has been assigned duty aboard first of the Navy's new super carriers, the USS Midway. Matthew was formerly employed in the Can Shop.

Middle of Nowhere

Sept. 16, 1945

Dear Editor:

Just a few words to let you know my latest address. We arrived here two days ago in C-46's from the Troop Carrier Command. They're forming a new group here at McCook to go overseas and my crew was one of eight to leave the B-29 transition base.

This place is in the middle of nowhere. It's just stuck on the flat windy prairie of Nebraska. Boy, it's desolate! We will not be here too long, so we're not worried. I'll close now. Give my regards to Fred Potter, Wayne Davis and the rest of the gang.

Yours truly,
Cpl. Paul Belanger

IN TOKYO



A picture from Dick Johnson (left) whose ship landed troops into Tokyo. Dick is the husband of Lea, of B.T.A. Dept.

Sept. 20, 1945
Saipan

Dear Friends:

Just a few lines to thank the Sprague Electric Company for the Log. It is a wonderful paper and I enjoy reading all the news of the plant, and of my friends in Service.

We were quite busy before, but since the ending of this disaster, we have more time off and less work, so perhaps I'll be able to write more often. I see Sprague's did important work on the atomic bomb. They have done their part to end this war—and a job well done at that!

Hoping to see you all soon, and again thanks for the Log.

Ed. Luczynski, S1-c
Seabee

Japs Still Hold Out

Sept. 21, 1945

Dear Friends:

Just a few lines to let you know I'm still thinking of the folks at Sprague's. I'm in the Philippines about 75 miles south of Manila. It looks as though our Division would stay here a while. I guess because there are still quite a few Japs here. There are supposed to be some 300 living in caves in the mountains. They have food and water enough to hold out for about a year. I hope this is only talk, and not a fact.

I hope that I'll be able to see some of the fellows who used to work at Sprague's while I'm here in the Philippines. I'll write and let you know if I do. Well, so long, until next time and give my regards to the gang in Block Test.

As Always,
Bill Beliveau

PALM TREES AND PAGODAS



Hold those "Ahs" and "Ohs". This is not a Geisha dancer, but our friend, Albert Blondin, EM3-c, formerly of the P.A.A. now stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Quite a Battle

Guam, Pacific
Sept. 19, 1945

Greetings Folks:

At the point, I'm having quite a battle with our little winged friends. Vicous little devils, these Guam version of the good ole' Mausert Pond mosquitoes... That, however, is not the reason for this letter. I want to thank you sincerely for the consistent delivery of the Log. I wondered for a while, after I left S. Carolina why they didn't arrive, then it dawned on me that I hadn't sent you my new address!

I could go on for hours, telling about this hole...oops, sorry,—island. I won't bother you with all the boring details. Best regards to all of my old friends—if they haven't forgotten me.. Five years is a long time!

Bill Richmond

MEET OUR RETURNED WAR VETERANS



On the job in the Receiving and Stock Departments are (seated) Gerald O'Neil, Gerald Cronin and Leo Wilcox. Standing are Leo Bombardier of Incoming Inspection, Alfred Peters and Bernard Lepera.

RETURNED VETERAN GREETES RETURNED WAC



Our first veteran of World War II to return to his former job at Sprague's was Gerald O'Neil of the Receiving Department, in 1943. He greets our first WAC to return, Marriion Campbell, formerly in the Resistors, who is now working in the Etching Department after an absence of two and a half years.

MARSHALL MUSIC

Prokar Dept.

By Minnie Dextradeur

Birthday greetings to the girls in our department, born in the month of October—Mary Burlingham and Mary Hanley.

Wedding Anniversary in our Department: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Risch—married 12 years on Sept. 25th. Ernest of K.V.A. at Brown St. Ceil is supervisor at Marshall St. Plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Royal—married 13 years on Oct. 10th. Both working at the Marshall Street Plant.

Mary Kelly's son-in-law, William Duffy, has returned home from the hospital. Get well soon. Bill formally worked as Part Timer at Marshall Street Plant.

I wonder what Mary Martin will do with her friend and all the dogs?

Wedding bells sounded at the home of Madeleine Robare. Her son, William was married to Orella Tatro of Beaver Street Plant, this October.

A few girls in our Department go to night school. No wonder they can't figure in the daytime.

You never know what topic of conversation the girls on the Scraping and Gauging tables will have. It's a new story every day.

What has happened to Marion Dardis. No one knows—How about telling us, Marion?

Louis Daub sure looks good in his uniform. Don't forget to say hello and write to us.

Honorable discharge Veterans who have mothers or sisters in the Prokar Department:

Madeline Robare—Son	U. S. A.
Laura Derosier—Son	U. S. A.
Doris Derosia—Brother	U. S. A.
Margaret Sacco—2 Brothers	U. S. A.
Yours truly—Brother	U. S. N.

Shipping and Production Control

By Isabelle Brundige

Most of the tables in the Overseas Shipping Department have been cleared away. A few of the girls are there—Dot Slade and Ora Boyer are back again working on the same table with Angie Demayo and Frances Bushika. Doretta Blanchard and Rachel Meranti also are back. Cecile Trudeau is still at the desk. A few new girls have been called in. Welcome to the Shipping Room: Josephine Campedelli, Elizabeth Sandiford, Mary Moran, Elizabeth Miller, Sarah Heywood, Winifred Knowles, and Elizabeth Hermon.

Of course, things are far from the hustle and bustle of a few months ago. Those of us who are back, miss the old gang.

John Callahan's Section has just about taken over the roon. Yours truly has been transferred from Shipping, to work with John, Marge McConnell and Melba Cooper.

SPORTS By Carpenter, Bullett and Russell

Returning Heroes Form Basketball Team

With the rapid returning of servicemen, sports in North Adams are beginning to flourish. Proof of this lies in the statement that Sunnyside Restaurant will be represented on the basketball court this season. The potential lineup consists of six war veterans, each one of them a hero in the eyes of all sports loving fans.

Topping the list are Ray Bergeron and Billy Barry. Bergeron served with the Marines in the South Pacific for 30 months, and Barry gave 5 years of his life in the Army, 36 months of which were spent overseas. Then there are the Farinon brothers, Eddie and Orlando. The former was wounded three times in the European Theater of War while Orlando is a veteran of many naval engagements. Still another is Stan Sanechi, formerly employed in the Paper Rolling Department before entering the service, and who also served and was wounded in the ETO. Stan, a standout with Adams High teams of 1937-38-39, was considered the best guard Adams ever had. Another is the very clever George Champagne, who recently received his discharge from the Navy. A navy man who really has been around.

There you have it, fans. It's a little early to be talking basketball, but let's mark the calendar for the coming winter season. A good turnout at the games will be a way to tell these veterans we are still backing them.

Johnny Puppulo Manager of St. Anthony Crusaders

For the first time in four years semi-pro football has made its appearance here on the local gridiron. To Johnny Puppulo, of the Production Scheduling Department and the St. Anthony parish, goes a big pat on the back for fielding a team this fall.

The St. Anthony Crusaders opened their 1945 football season with a clean cut 12-0 decision over the formidable Italian American eleven of Springfield at the Noel Field, September 30, before 1500 interested spectators.



Factory Engineering

By Doris Roy

Who says love can't last a life time? Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anderson seem to think otherwise as, ole Mr. Cupid has inhabited the Anderson household for the past twenty-eight years and according to Andy will continue to do so for a long time to come. Happy anniversary to both of you.

Is Laura Ferguson on pins and needles or is it just my imagination? I think not, as "Red" has a very good reason for being on edge. Hubby James Ferguson S1-c, who has been aboard the Battleship U.S.S. Missouri is due home any time now. Here's hoping the fleet comes in soon, gray hair doesn't become a red head does it kid?

Another *au revoir* this month to William Jette who has been with our department for nine months and was liked by all. We'll miss you, Bill, but good luck to you anyhow.

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Farm want ad: "Wanted — hired man to milk and run tractor." Marvelous what you can get out of modern machinery!

"Bob" Garner Makes Grade In Pro-Football Ranks

"Bob" Garner, who formerly worked in the Engineering Specifications Department trying to dope out the intricacies of Sprague capacitors, will spend the months of October, November and December, trying to find a way to wreck the many intricate football plays that will come his way as a member of the New York Pro Giants.

Garner, who has been very impressive in three exhibition jousts has survived the final cut made by Coach Steve Owen. This is a truly remarkable feat when one considers that the only experience that "Bob" has had, is with Drury High from 1937 to 1941.

For the benefit of "Bob's" friends who may want to take in a game at the Polo Grounds the Giant's home schedule is listed: Oct. 21, Pittsburgh; Oct. 28, Washington; Nov. 4, Cleveland; Nov. 18, Detroit; Nov. 25, Green Bay; Dec. 2, Philadelphia. For the fans who cannot go to the games, I suggest they tune in on station WHN and get a colorful play-by-play account by "Red" Barber and "Connie" Desmond.

By Bernie Bullett

Athletic Association Clambake Notes:

The clambake was a huge success as all those who attended will testify. There was plenty of food and plenty of fun... but financially, it was a flop.

Our own Art Giroux was so busy eating his favorite "Cherry Stones" that he could not find time to answer greetings from friends. Genial Frank Manns, the popular foreman of the Block Test was always near the chow line.

While there were not too many sporting events, a few people enjoyed swimming and softball. (A few people also had the enjoyment of a cool dip in the brook, fully attired.)

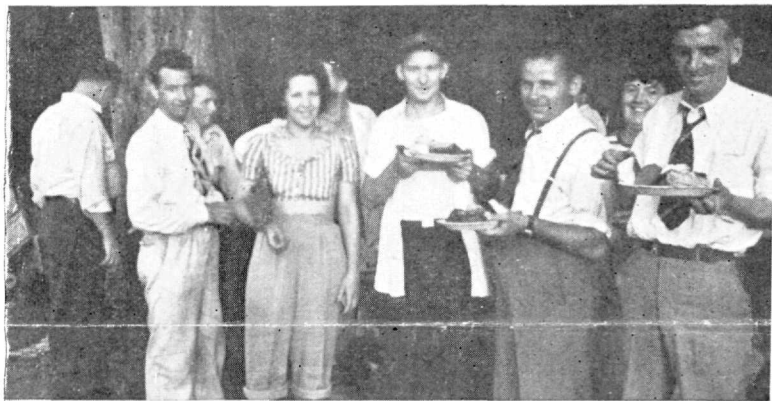
The next meeting of the Association will be held at the Lafayette Club, Wednesday, October 24th at 7:30 P.M.

Sprague Bowling League Notes

The Sprague League for men bowlers ushered in its 1945-1946 season October 4th at the Olympian Alleys. There are ten teams in the League this year, and it is predicted that there will be plenty of opposition if the matches bowled at that time are bowling barometers.

By Walt Carpenter

PLENTY OF FOOD AND FUN AT FIRST ASSOCIATION CLAMBAKE



When the Chow line formed for the main bake.

MACHINE SHOP NEWS By J. Walsh and E. Remillard

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that Sprague's and all its employees played in making this spectacle possible. It made me feel good to know that I was a part of that organization before entering the Navy.

My best regards to both the night and day shift of the Machine Shop.

I hope it isn't long now before I can get home to stay. I'll drop in to see you and the old gang when I do get home. So long for now and, Thanks For Giving Us The Tools.

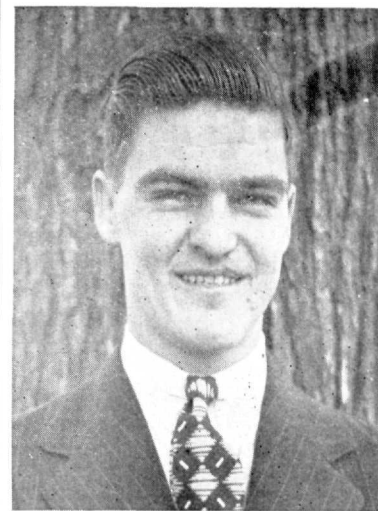
Earl Williams S1-c

MET AT IWO JIMA



Navy Seabees, David Cassidy and Aubrey Brown (formerly from Machine Shop) meet on Iwo Jima where this picture was taken. David, son of Henry of the Machine Shop, will be remembered as at one time working in the Engineering Specification Department.

SPORTS REPORTER



Kenny Russell gets some pretty stiff assignments from the LOG desk, but he is always ready to help and comes through with copy, plus a sunny smile no matter how tough the assignment.

Versatile "Ken"

"Ken" Russell, the assistant foreman of the Industrial Oils Department at Brown Street is our nominee for the most energetic sports enthusiast of the Sprague Electric Company. "Ken's" knowledge of sports is not only baseball, basketball and football he is also a firm authority on such activities as bowling, hockey, track and the two popular indoor sports, boxing and wrestling.

"Ken", this summer pastimed with the very formidable North Adams semi-pro baseball club, and gave a very satisfactory account of himself in the outfield and at the plate. He hit in the neighborhood of .300, which is all any manager can ask for.

Now that winter is approaching Kenny is getting ready to bowl for the K.V.A. team of Brown Street. A very clever bowler, Russell annually ranks with the leading pinners of the Sprague League.

By Bernie Bullett

Engineering Specs

By Hazel Goodale

Congratulations to Howard Sherman on earning his private license for flying. We are willing to bet that you were "up in the air" during your vacation — isn't that right, Howard?

Congratulations also to Paul Teeple whose son was born at the North Adams hospital on September 18th. Mother and baby are doing nicely, thank you.

Our sincere sympathy and best wishes for a complete recovery to Betsy Haskins who is ill in a Washington, D. C. hospital.

Welcome to Bob Slade of Stamford, Vt. Bob is a Senior at Drury High and works for Ernie Purpura after school hours.

We were all very happy for Naomi Anderson when we learned that her husband was expecting to return to the States. Naomi received a cablegram from him telling of his plans, sent from Cairo, Egypt. Four days later, she received a telephone call from him, stating he had arrived in New York!

Mary Jane Bombardier has returned from a visit at Burlington, Vt. to see her brother, Capt. Gerard Bombardier, who was home on furlough after three years' serving with the army in the European theatre of war.

Congratulations to Ted and Rita Slade, who celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on September 29th.

Congratulations to Lorin and Emma Underwood, who celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on Columbus Day — October 12th.

Block Annex

By Esther Driscoll

The lights are bright in our room, but with the dazzle of diamonds — it seems much brighter. That ring certainly is a beauty, Eunice. Yes, the engagement of Eunice Timothy and Pvt. Leonard "Sonny" Jarvis has been announced. When Sonny comes home the great event will take place.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Catherine Donovan on the recent death of her sister, Mrs. Francis Donovan, of Boston.

Alice Allard is simply floating on clouds. Yes, you guessed it, her fiancé, (whose name is also Allard) Edmund Allard is home from the E.T.O. and is discharged. That's wonderful, isn't it, Alice?

Clara Genest is another happy girl these days—the boy friend has just come home with an honorable discharge from the Army. Wedding bells will be making plenty of music around here soon.

We wish Sophie Embry a speedy recovery—and hope you'll soon be back with us.

Welcome back, Millie O'Grady. Glad to learn that you are fully recovered from your operation.

Bathtub Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

It was a twosome which visited Washington, D. C. recently — Ida Decoteau accompanied Helen Abbott on the trip.

Another twosome — Helen Duda and Dot Lavigne chose New York City for their vacation. They enjoyed the Ice Follies and saw the Andrew Sisters.

Mary Cilli certainly gets around! She visited Hampton Beach, Sterling Beach, Springfield and Clinton, Mass. She also took in the races at Rockingham.

Vacations

Millie Letalien—Hartford and Lake Compounce, Conn.

Alice Bowman—New Haven, Conn.

Vivian Dale—Lake George, N. Y.

Jane Ciepiela—Hartford, Conn.

Jean McLagan, S2-c, enjoyed a leave from Uncle Sam's Navy recently and visited her former co-workers at the Plant.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Rose Harrington, who underwent an operation recently.

Deep sympathy is extended to Frances Roy and Norma Urbano, whose mother passed away recently.

Dry Test

By L - B and V.

Millie Biondello vacationed at several places of interest—in particular, the Ford plant at Detroit, Mich., where she saw cars in the process of being made.

Hide your toes, Pearl Walden, here comes Blondie Charbonneau—she never misses them.

Bill Mahoney, commonly known as Van Johnson, constantly vacations week ends in Readsboro, Vt. What's the attraction?

Leonore Tarnuzzer vacationed in Providence, visiting her brother and family.

Marie Sherry, who enlisted in the WAVES recently, visited with friends in the plant.

We are glad to learn that "Red" Lewitt's daughter, who is confined at the North Adams hospital is recuperating nicely from an operation.

Nice seeing Gladys Sullivan, Eva James and Barbara Toney back to work.

Lillian Colo received many lovely gifts from her co-workers in honor of her birthday. Happy birthday, Lil.

We're sure happy to have Lillian Tisdale back working with us again.



Corp. and Mrs. Leslie Swartz, married August 23, 1945 at St. Patrick's church, McCook, Nebr. Mrs. Swartz is the former Eunice Charbonneau of Production Scheduling Department.

Paper Rolling

By Hubba Hubba

Congratulations and best luck to Alice Martel, Bride-of-the-week, who was married September 29th to Ernest Foote.

Vacations

Mary Zajac —
an enjoyable time at home.
Doris DaSaco —
a week end in Connecticut.

GOOD NEWS: Lucy Ciempa's brother, Joseph Smulewicz has been liberated — he had been a prisoner of the Japs.

We have a new worker with us — Theresa Pinsonneault — welcome to you.

"Doc" our sweeper, is with us again. He has been in Service for 4½ years. Sit tight, girls!

Jeannette Roy has been absent because of illness. Glad to hear you're fully recovered, Jeannette.

A question everyone is asking Sara is: "When are you going to take your vacation." By the way, "When are you?"

Good luck to Kathleen Morrissey — We miss you.

"W. E." Department

By Emma Alongi

VACATIONS: Bernice Suprenant spent two weeks in New York City. Angie McGrenier spent hers at home and also at the race track. P.S. She was one of the lucky ones.

The Department was honored recently by a visit from our former co-worker, Donald Roy, Gunners Mate Striker, who had spent nine months in the Pacific area. Don said: "It's good to be home."

Just Wondering:

What the joke was that gave Dan Collins and Walt Carpenter such a scare... How Julie Bourgeois and Pauline Bazinet enjoyed their swim at the Athletic Association clambake.

HOW LONG WILL IT LAST? That is the question being asked by everyone in our Department since our skipper is raising a moustache — and we know several previous attempts have failed.

To Alice Mulvaney: We hope the boy friend arrives home soon — waiting and waiting can be so nerve-racking.

Formation and Centrifuge

By J. Shea

The Formation held a party at the Sportsmen's Club recently in honor of Ed Ducharme. Your reporter acted as toastmaster, and everyone present had a try at speech making. All the speeches were good because they were brief. Ed was presented with a purse of money and a lot of good advice. Everyone had a good supper and an enjoyable evening.

Harry Lanoue has bought a farm up in Vermont, and all the boys plan to visit him during hunting and fishing seasons.

WANTED

The night shift in the Formation hold regular forums every evening, and all sorts of subjects are discussed — but nothing is ever settled. If anyone has a set of extra law books, maps of the world, copies of the game laws (Vermont and Massachusetts, especially) or a few copies of the Encyclopedia Britannica that they would care to send down to the Formation, perhaps the supervisors could settle some of the questions.

We are glad to see Joe Pevoski back on the job after recovering from an emergency operation last month.

Lab Gab

By Carmella Cioffi

Unanimous best wishes to Tommy Dufraine who recently underwent an operation at the House of Mercy Hospital in Pittsfield. We hear that Tommy is the most visited, and written-to patient that the hospital has had in a long time. You're really missed, Tom, and when I forward our sincere hope for your speedy convalescence it's a case of having a thought for ourselves as well as for you.

We're a little late in expressing our heartiest congratulations to Harold St. Denis who has become a father for the third time.

Good bye and good luck to Bob Shoemaker who has recently accepted a teaching position in Maine. Bob's reputation for doing many things well must have reached Aroostook County, because they've assigned him four grades.

Many thanks to my co-workers for their gift to me of a Fanny Farmer Cook Book. I needed that a lot more than you think.

Wedding Bells

GROSS - HARVEY: Miss Dorothy Harvey, daughter of George Harvey of Clarksburg and the late Mrs. Mary Jane Harvey, became the bride of Edmund Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gross of Adams, Mass., Saturday, September 22, 1945. The bride is employed in the Industrial Oil Rolling Department at Brown Street.

DESCOTEAU - GALLESE: Mrs. Bertha LePage Gallese, daughter of Mrs. Mary Rosi of North Adams, and William J. Descoteau, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herman Descoteau, were married Monday, October 8, 1945. Mrs. Descoteau is employed as telephone operator at the Brown Street Plant.



Sgt. and Mrs. Armand Lively, married September 10, 1945. Sgt. Lively is with the U. S. Medical Corps, and Mrs. Lively, our former Isabelle Paquette, is reporter for the Dry Rolling Department.

RIVARD - ST. PIERRE: Miss Emma Cecile St. Pierre, daughter of Edmire St. Pierre of North Adams, and Pvt. First Class Joseph Rivard, son of Wilfred Rivard of Clarksburg, were united in marriage Monday, September 24, 1945. Mrs. Rivard is employed in the P. A. A. Department at Brown Street and Pvt. Rivard was formerly employed as a guard at the Brown Street plant before entering the armed forces.

KAIGLE - CHALIFOUX: Miss Sylvia Alice Chalifoux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chalifoux, and Mr. Roger Kaigle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kaigle, were married October 1, 1945 at the Notre Dame church in Adams. Mrs. Kaigle was employed at the Marshall Street Plant.

ROBARE - TATRO: Miss Orella Louise Tatro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tatro of Clarksburg, became the bride of William H. Robare, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Robare of North Adams, Saturday, October 6, 1945. The bride is employed in the Boxing Department and the bridegroom recently received his discharge from the U. S. Army.

BIRTHS

SON—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bailey are the parents of a son, born September 23, 1945. Mrs. Bailey is the former Doris, of the Main Office.

SON—Mr. and Mrs. Harley Andrew are the parents of a son, Peter Olivier born September 18, 1945. Mother is Patricia Siciliano Andrew of the Brown Street plant.

SON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Teeple of Massachusetts Ave., a son, September 18, 1945. Paul is employed in Engineering Specification Department.

Boxing

By L. DeFazio and C. Urbano

A number of our girls enjoyed a hot dog roast at the home of Mary Roberts. You will realize that they had a hilarious time when Emma Montagna says: "Lots of things happened, but we can't tell you what."

Welcome to the Boxing Department, Elizabeth Hamilton, Lea Walden, "Tony" Germaine, the charming twins —Lorraine and Elaine Fountain, Regina Miliszewski, Mary Marra, Dorothy Dupuis and Lucy DeFazio.

A shower and dinner was given honoring Orella Tatro, a recent bride, at the Italian Gardens on September 28th. A purse of money was given to the bride and everyone had a good time.

If you are interested in knowing who the "Cover Girl" of our Department is, ask Anne Sweeney.

Who is the little fellow who stops to admire "Peanuts" Braman these days?

Norma Cardinal, Lila Abraham and Anne Blasi took a hike up Greylock, and were very grateful when, on returning, four kind and quite handsome gentlemen offered them a lift back to the city.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Constance Urbano, in the recent loss of her mother.

Speedy recovery to Irene Gage who is at the Plunkett Memorial hospital.

Recent Vacations

Mary Fulginiti—Boston
Bertha Bourrie—Hartford and New London, Conn.
Angie Granger—Missignoc Bay and Montreal

There are plenty of smiles for Ann Mariani, since her husband has arrived home from overseas.

Dry Rolling

By Jo Kielytka

This chicken farming must be catching — Eric Hannaleck turned farmer, buying a farm in Center Savoy and intends to raise chickens, come spring. Here is hoping everything goes your way, Eric, so then you can invite us to a fried chicken dinner.

Billy Lamberti is also thinking about chickens — of another kind.

"Izzy" Lively is back with us and looking very happy. She has good reason to be, since her husband has just received an honorable discharge from the army. Gladys Costello is up in the clouds for the same reason... and the long awaited moment has come for Alice Bennett. At last her husband came home!

Hey, Stan — whatever became of the "Volga Boatman?"

Jim Gonyea has gone into the light trucking business. He moves not from coast to coast, but from post to post — very light indeed!

What some people won't do to get into the news. Now that he has tried chicken farming, Art Mollere has decided to sell wood, and sold his car and bought a truck. Whenever anyone needs Art, they can find him near a window showing it off to someone.

A "hello" to the new girls and man in our Department. We hope that you like working with us.

We hope that Margaret Wohler and Marion Jordan will be back with us soon. They recently underwent operations.

That much publicized ash tray in which a booby trap was found, was sent to Rose Joseph by her husband. All I can say is that she had better look through her other souvenirs before she finds her house blown up some day.

We were recently visited by Lloyd King of the U. S. N., who used to work with us. It certainly was good to see him again.

Congratulations to Ruth LePage who became Shuefild recently.

Network Lab

By Helen Corsi

The Laboratory had a clambake last month. Harry Barschdorf was the chef and a good one too. "Booby" Heideman played his guitar until he was almost thrown in the lake... too much playing. Fran Savage gave us a real Irish jig and it was a sight to see! Jessie Wronski took a dip in the lake — but not of her own accord! Well, boys will be boys!

We hear Stan Bagdon likes early morning exercise. But Stan — don't you think that running after 12 piglets is going too far for early morning exercise?

Dick Tyler doesn't seem to appreciate the finer arts of painting,—at least he didn't like the beautiful chair someone sent him. It was a very different shade of green — there isn't another chair like it in the plant.

We extend our best wishes to Fran Savage and wish her luck.

Maintenance

By Umbriago

We are glad to welcome back to the Carpenter gang, Harold Chilson who recently received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army. Harold is glad to be back with the gang after spending three years in the Service, most of which was in Italy.

Norbert Tanguay has answered the call to the Service, and was inducted into the Army in September.

Glad to see Larry Dow back again, and well after a recent illness.

WANTED AT ONCE: One rubber hammer that will bounce. Apply Gene Pyke of the Electrical Gang.

Best wishes are extended to Felix Gamache of the Carpenter Shop for a speedy recovery.

Glad to see you back from Brown Street, George Duby. We missed the sight and aroma of your pipe when in the lunch room.

In a recent letter received by your reporter from Joe Schneider, Jr., who is stationed at Bainbridge, Md., Joe tells of receiving his edition of the Log and how good it seemed to be able to read about the people he knew. I think much praise is due to our nurse, Miss Owen, in the way she takes care of the addresses of all our men in service and see that they get their edition of the Log. I might add, that the one Joe received was the first edition printed after Joe had entered the service. So you see, the boys got their Log just as soon as it is possible.

During the recent moving of Mr. Mancuso's room, our supervisor and good fellow, Joe Schneider, acquired a small table — only to lose it shortly after he had gotten it. Joe really did some tall scouting. He finally gave up hope until he almost fell over it at the close of the day. The picture shows the evidence.



As you see from the picture, Joe took good care of that table when he got his hands on it.

Production Scheduling

By F. and E.

Here we are again, with our Department news—this time without one of our reporters, Alice Swartz. She has been transferred to Brown Street as office clerk in the P.A.A. Department. Several of her co-workers held a dinner party for her at the Berkshire Restaurant in Pittsfield and presented her with a gift. We miss you, Al, and know that you will add much to the atmosphere in your new department.

Wallace Young, a member of the organization for the past four years leaves to make his home in Bondsville, Mass. Mr. Young was a guest at the Foremen's dinner and at that time was presented a pen and pencil set. The presentation was made by Orville Carter. Good luck from all of us, Wally.

Marion Pinsonnault of Production Control, is temporarily working in the Sales Office.

Mary Jane Douglas recently spent a week end in Boston and while there she witnessed the Red Sox lose a game.

Florence Southgate informed us that she enjoyed the Great Barrington fair.

Eunice Swartz is back with us after spending five weeks in McCook, Nebr. with her husband, Cpl. Leslie Swartz.



BEHIND THE SWINGING DOORS OF THE P. A. A.

By R. Morrissey and A. St. Cyr

This is Station W.A.X.:

Well, Hail, the gang's all here, in P. A. A. after doing our bit in Selkar! And it is a pleasure to work for our congenial foreman, Mr. 'Bucky' Williams.

Anyone interested in wrestling should come and watch the contests. It promises to be a knockout! Girl operators vs. Jigs.

WANTED: Just one more passenger to ride in Bertha Watson's car.

If you have a problem, see Exilia Girard. She specializes in "Advice to the lovelorn."

Surely, you've all heard of the hole in the "old oaken bucket." Well, that doesn't compare with the holes the night inspectors have to till. But just have patience, ladies, we'll learn.

Don't throw your money away on dancing lessons, girls. Just take a few tips from Joe Macksey. He knows some mean steps. Of course the only tune he dances to is "in and out the ovens."

The old greeting "Hi Kid" can now be heard at the P. A. A. Ora Lesage is back again with the gang. She's as happy and as agreeable as ever.

Ode to Annamae

Round and round the wheel goes
And when Annamae works, production
flows.
With busy hands she works like a beaver
Is it bonus that makes her so eager?

We are glad to see Elva Burlingham back with us after her recent illness. **Flash:** Helen Vincelette took N. Y. by storm over the week end.

Suggestion: A filing system to be installed in the music room to enable Victoria LaMore to find request numbers.

Scoop of the Week: The telephone call received by Ruth Morrissey from her husband, T-Sgt. Owen W. Morrissey, who is in Switzerland.

Signing off,
Ruth and Anna



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lazarczyk, married September 1, 1945 at the Notre Dame church, Adams. Mrs. Lazarczyk is the former Rita Daignault of the Resistor Shipping Dept., and husband Frank has recently returned from overseas duty.

Resistor Shipping

By Evelyn Dodge

T-5 Lester R. Dustin, husband of Clarice, was honorably discharged from the Army, September 23rd. He served 28 months in the European Theatre.

Katherine Coody's son, George, was made Coxswain in the Navy. He expects to be home on a leave soon. His wife will accompany him.

Seaman Ellen Lambert, daughter of Eileen, is expected home on leave, this week, after boot training at Hunter College in the Bronx, N. Y.

Walter Lamphier, son of Louise, is expected home on a 30 day furlough from the Navy Air Corps. He has been on many missions and his crew and he are credited with crippling and sinking many Jap ships.

Stanley Rusek, Seaman 1-c, brother of Kay Szurek, is spending 30 days at home. He served 1 year in the Pacific area and received the Bronze Star.

Kay Szurek is back with us again after a two months leave. It's great to have you back again, Kay.

P. A. A. Department

By Elsie Leja

We are happy to have with us, Elizabeth Catrambone, our new supervisor. With that smile of hers, we know we are going to enjoy working for her.

Lt. Edward Horahan who has spent 16 months in the European Theatre, is enjoying a 30 day furlough with his family. Lt. Horahan is the husband of the former Thelma Baker, who, at one time, was employed in the Payroll Department at Beaver Street. He also is the brother of Hazel Belisle of this department.

Theresa D'Amico is willing to swap jobs with anyone. Interested persons may contact her at the inspection table.

Pauline Les finds that Polish weddings are too much for her.

Were the Dead End kids too much for you, Frank Stawarz? We see you've passed them on to someone else.

Sorry to see Jane Marlowe leave. We're going to miss you, Jane.

John Moderski, husband of Irene, is expected home soon, from Germany.

If signs mean a thing, we can expect most anything now, as Flora Gaudette caught the bridal bouquet at a wedding recently.

Clara Beauchamp has a very good recipe for banana cake. Anyone wishing to get it, ask Clara.

Our Philippine Neighbors

Dearest Rose:

Maybe you will be surprise upon receiving my epistle, because I am in a far country. Let me first introduce to you myself. I am fifteen years old. I got one brother seven years old, and a sister seven years old.

We are all fine now and happy, as the whites have deliferated us. If the Americans have not come—maybe we die of hardship and hunger. Really, we suffered from the Japanese. They have treated us tyrannically and cruelly. There's no love at all. Even we girls are slapped by them. We give our food and fowls to them—even our clothes...But the Americans!... Oh! just the vize-verza.

I have known you thru' your brother, Joe who lived near our place. I washed his clothes and became a friend to him. He often comes to our house and have a nice chat. Sorry, they moved northward. They are now preparing to go home. Rose, sometime, I'll send you a picture of mine...Will you send me one of your pictures too. I wish I could go to the States and visit you sometimes. How about you? Have you cared to go to the Philippines too?

Maybe sometimes when Joe goes home, he will illumerate all what he had seen here. Hope he enjoyed our company...Well, enclosed is my tender love and warm embrace to you. Tell me, too of your feelings toward us, your poor Filipino friends.

Love from your friend,

Rose Terranio

(The above letter was received by Rose Messina of the Dry Test department. The letter refers to Joe Messina, stationed in the Philippines, and formerly an employee in the Owens department.)



Walter Lamphier AMM3-c is the son of Louise, of Resistor Shipping. Walter is stationed in the Philippines.

THE EYES AND EARS OF THE SAMPLE LAB

Really, gang, we didn't know you missed our column so much, but everyone slips up on things, now and then.

Dora Grant was lucky in more ways than one, when she won that wallet and that little surprise something from Harry Nolte.

Rain or snow, Sally Sherr can always think of something to protect herself with, be it an apron or that contraption she calls an umbrella.

Why don't you surprise us someday, Blanche Bourdon, and wear all those bracelets at one time. But, then, you wouldn't have enough arms, would you?

Remember, Helen Burzimati, that you are only a little girl, so please be careful at the time clock.

No, Peter Abuisi doesn't belong on the House of David's team, he just hates to shave every day.

What would our Sample Department do without that dream book?

We're cutting it short, gang, because as usual, we waited until the last minute and there isn't much time.

We extend deep sympathy to Stella Beauchamp whose mother passed away recently.

P.A.A. Solderers

By Rose Corsi

Dan Cupid has been very busy in our Department recently. His darts found our Mary Walsh, who announces her engagement to Raymond Mousseau of Detroit, Mich. He is a salesman for Gross Point Quality Food Co.

Eva Boillat also was a target for Cupid's darts—she has announced her engagement and forthcoming marriage to Henry Thibodeau of Adams. Mr. Thibodeau is employed at Briggsville.

P. A. A. Pouring

By Jane Mariani

We extend our sympathy to Irene Drobiak over the recent death of her brother.

The P. A. A. line looks like old times again. We hope the newcomers will enjoy working with us.

"Pat" Bontempi is enjoying her two weeks vacation with her son, who has recently returned from overseas.

Rita Nadeau was one of our lucky newcomers who had the pleasure of winning our weekly pool recently.

P.A.A. -- Second Shift

By Frances and "Toinette"

Welcome to the Paper Rolling Department at Brown St. For the few of us who have previously worked at the Brown Street Plant, we are happy to be here again. And to the new rollers, well, don't be too disillusioned with gummed up fingers and all. You'll soon be going at it like old-timers.

Although "Bucky" Williams is on the quiet side, he is always ready to lend a helping hand, be it machine trouble or what have you.

We welcome the Supervisors, Beatrice Asdikian, Connie Davis and Florence Gaffy to our Department.

We are glad to see some of our old rollers back on the job. Connie is kept pretty busy being Supervisor and Stock girl.

That's not Catherine's going away bag, girls, it's just her lunch.

Delphine, the meters test better when plugged in.

Ask Vickie LaMore why she changed her tune from "Don't Fence Me In" to "You Belong To My Heart."

We learn that Guy Artioli is expected home from Mitchel Field. His mother is Anna, of P. A. A.

Paper Rolling

By Eleanor Rhodes

The personality kid —

Laddie Miranti

Saw Laura Doran and husband Jimmy, in the Grill, the other night. Hubba, Hubba, Hubba.

Hollywood may have its temperamental actors, but we have something different, a temperamental machinist, "Vic" Lampiasi.

If you want your potatoes dug, just call Jean Cuddeback of Paper Rolling, or "Po Po" Douglas of Soldering.

If you want to know anything, just ask Dot and Gloria.

K. V. A.

"The United States Marine"

Remember us?

We're Marines

We helped to win this war

Or maybe it doesn't matter to you

What we are fighting for.

We fought for life and liberty

To make the whole world free

But now the damn war is over

We're still across the sea.

We're stuck on an isle, far from home,

Far from the ones we adore,

Now, if we can't get back to them

What the hell we're fighting for?

Surely, not just spuds and beans

Or mutton, liver and cheese,

They say they gave us the best they have,

Do their best to please.

But what must we do to get home again

Beg on bended knee?

Well, now you know just how we feel,

Still it doesn't mean a thing

I'm just one of those forgotten men

"The United States Marine."

(The above poem was written by the Marines of the 9th Amph. Tk. Bn. on Guam, and received by Mrs. Edna Jillson of K.V.A. from her son, Cpl. Donald W. Jillson.)

Peace Time Use For Navy's Secret War Weapon

The Navy's No. 1 secret weapon which was known as the proximity fuze, and considered as the second most important weapon to be developed during the war, will be put to peacetime use.

It played a large role in halting the deadly attacks of the Jap suicide planes at Okinawa and also was used to nullify the German buzz-bomb attacks on England. From this wartime use, will spring the peacetime possibilities: cheap and sturdy pocket radios no larger than a package of cigarettes, small civilian walkie-talkies and improved hearing aides.

TALKS TO DADDY IN SWITZERLAND



Michael Owen, young son of Ruth and Sgt. Owen Morrissey, tells his Daddy to bring him home a gun. Sgt. Morrissey called his family from Switzerland. Ruth works on P.A.A. second shift.